

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal will make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I rarely make long distance calls because my phone is mostly for emergencies, not chit-chat. I have the minimum pre-paid plan with Tracfone because that is the only way I could have a cell phone at all. These plans do not have monthly fees--one just buys minutes, and they are already expensive. I pay \$19 for 40 minutes of local calling and have to renew every two months whether I use all the minutes or not.

(I am in frequent peril of having my land line disconnected as well due to all the government fees that go on top of the basic SBC bill, even with no long distance calling. If we are taling about universal service we must look at it from the affordability perspective as well.))

I believe it would be fairer to base the fees on usage, not pile on the backs of people who can barely afford a phone at all. I don't want to lose my emergency or home phone so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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